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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 00809

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, ASEC, GW  
SUBJECT: NDPC SECURITY SURVEYS

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1. THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT A VISIT TO GERMANY BY THE NDPC SECURITY SURVEY TEAM IN MARCH COULD BE INTERPRETED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH THE LUTZE SPY CASE. IF THE SURVEY BECAME KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC MEDIA, THERE IS THE DANGER THAT IT COULD BE REPORTED AS A KIND OF U.S. INVESTIGATION OF THE LUTZE ESPIONAGE CASE ON DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S OWN TURF. THIS COULD FURTHER HARM THE ALREADY EMBATTLED LEBER.

2. ALSO, AN NDPC SECURITY SURVEY IN MARCH COULD COMPLICATE EFFORTS CURRENTLY BEING MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AT OUR SUGGESTION, TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL SECURITY DOCUMENTS COMPROMISED IN THE LUTZE ESPIONAGE CASE CONTAINED DIRECT U.S. INTELLI-  
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GENCE INPUTS OR REFLECTED U.S.-GERMAN ACTIVITIES OF SUCH A NATURE THAT THEIR COMPROMISE MIGHT WARRANT U.S. ACTION (REF D).

3. TO AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND MINISTER LEBER, AND TO KEEP FROM CROSSING WIRES WITH THE INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE,

THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE NDPC SECURITY SURVEY BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL OF THIS YEAR. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT BY THEN THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THE LUTZE SPY CASE WILL BE MUCH LESS ACUTE AND THAT THE TECHNICAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF IT WILL BE LARGELY COMPLETED.

4. TO AVOID AROUSING UNNECESSARY CONCERNS AND FALSE IMPRESSIONS, WE HAVE NOT YET MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NDPC SURVEY TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GERMAN OFFICIALS WOULD WISH TO COOPERATE WITH IT IF THE TIMING OF THE SURVEY WERE RIGHT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE EMBASSY WHETHER IT AGREES TO THE POSTPONEMENT WHICH WE HAVE SUGGESTED. ALSO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED SURVEY, E.G., WHETHER THE SURVEY TEAM INTENDS TO VISIT FRG MINISTRIES OTHER THAN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND IF SO WHICH ONES. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE 1969 SURVEY FOR GERMANY.  
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